



October 5, 2007

Dear Citizens,

James Baldwin wrote, "There is never a time in the future in which we will work out our salvation. The challenge is in the moment, the time is always now." In Baltimore City, *now* is the time for us to turn our thoughts again to HIV Prevention and Testing.

The Baltimore is now second in the nation in the number of new AIDS cases each year. Nearly nine in ten new cases are among African Americans, and four in ten are among women.

HIV is a problem that will not go away without the acknowledgment and action of everyone in this city.

This week, I was joined by Baltimore City Health Commissioner Joshua Sharfstein to bring attention to our HIV epidemic. We were joined by many leaders in the local and national fight against the spread of HIV and AIDS, including:

- Dr. Rob Janssen, Director of the Division of HIV/AIDS at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta;
- Heather Hauck, Director of the Maryland AIDS Administration;
- Debra Fraser-Howze, President and CEO of the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, and
- Rev. Grady Yeargin from the Baltimore Affiliate of the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS.

We came together to ask the assistance of all sectors of the community to make prevention and testing a priority in Baltimore City.

It's not enough to tell someone once a year that HIV is a preventable disease.

We can't sugarcoat the facts about how to avoid getting infected.

We cannot allow a stigma to keep people from getting help.

We all need to take responsibility for our own destiny and the destiny of our brothers and sisters.

Our collective goal is to promote three very important tools for HIV/AIDS prevention: Awareness, Communication and Testing. There is no reason why Baltimore – a city blessed with hard-working, successful and intelligent people – cannot join together to make a safer and healthier future for every resident.

To find out about HIV/AIDS awareness, communication and testing, visit the [Baltimore City Health Department website](#), or the [Maryland AIDS Administration](#).

As always, I am interested in what you think about our plan to make our city a dynamic place to LIVE, EARN, PLAY and LEARN. Please [email me](#) your comments or suggestions.

Sincerely,

Sheila Dixon
Mayor
Baltimore

Free Fall Baltimore

October 1-31, 2007

Free Fall Baltimore returns for Arts and Humanities Month in October 2007 with more than 85 arts organizations presenting over 200 free events including performances, lectures, workshops and hands-on creative experiences, throughout Baltimore City, beginning **Monday, October 1 through Wednesday, October 31**.

Free Fall Baltimore is made possible by Mayor Sheila Dixon and the Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts.

Baltimore residents and visitors can enjoy the excitement of live music, dance, theater, museum exhibitions, classes, lectures and more, for free, in venues throughout Baltimore City. Many events require advance reservations to be made with the participating organizations.

Free Fall Baltimore is a promotional collaboration designed to make art and culture more accessible to area residents and visitors while introducing young adults and families to the wide variety of cultural experiences available in Baltimore City.

The program partners are the Baltimore Area Convention & Visitors Association and

Greater Baltimore Cultural Alliance. The media sponsors are The Baltimore Sun, WBAL-TV, Maryland Public Television and Radio One: Magic 95.9, 92Q, Spirit 1400 and WOLB-AM.

For a complete listing of Free Fall Baltimore events, visit www.freefallbaltimore.com or call 1-877-BALTIMORE.

Celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Winans Estate in Leakin Park

October 6-7, 2007

A festival celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Winans Estate in Leakin Park will take place on Saturday, October 6 and Sunday, October 7 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

Included at the event are exhibits by neighborhood and community organizations, craft sales, guided hikes and bike rides along the Gwynns Falls Trail, miniature steam train rides provided by the Chesapeake and Allegheny Steamers on Saturday, food and entertainment.

On Saturday, the chapel in Leakin Park will be dedicated at 2 p.m. to Celeste Winans for whom it was built. On Sunday there will be a ceremony at 4 p.m. as a time capsule containing park memorabilia is buried.

The festival is \$5 with free admission for children under 8.

The event is cosponsored by the Friends of Gwynns Falls/Leakin Park, the Friends of Orianda House, Chesapeake Bay Outward Bound, and the Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks. Major contributors include Kernan Orthopaedic and Rehabilitation, Parks and People Foundation, Tegeler Monument Company, Friends of Maryland's Olmsted Parks and Landscapes, Inc., Diane Rogers and Precision Postal.

Special thanks to Comcast, Baltimore Office of Promotion & the Arts and Sheila Dixon, Mayor.

For more information contact (410) 448-3134 or (410) 945-0586.

The Baltimore City Fire Department's Annual Thrill Show

October 6, 2007

Saturday, October 6, 2007

11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Baltimore City Fire Department will be hosting its Annual Thrill Show at the Frank J. Trenner Fire Academy located at 6720 Pulaski Highway next to the City's Impound and Recovery lot.

This will be a fun filled day of activities and education for adults and children alike. We invite all Baltimore City employees, their families, friends and the entire Baltimore Community to join us for an exciting day. Fire Fighters will be on hand to discuss various aspects of fire safety in the home, provide educational literature, live demonstration, rappelling in addition to fire engine rides, food and much more.

For additional information log onto www.baltimorecity.gov/fire or contact the Public Information Office at 410-396-5616.

5th Annual Ricky Myers Day of Service

October 6, 2007

Saturday, October 6, 2007

8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

More than 300 volunteers will be making Baltimore cleaner and greener as the city's urban service corps, Civic Works, presents the Fifth Annual Ricky Myers Day of Service. The event is held in honor of the late Ricky Myers, a Civic Works staff member who dedicated his life to serving Baltimore's communities.

Volunteers will work on several diverse projects throughout the city, including:

- Porch painting, energy conservation projects with a group from Constellation Energy, weed removal and flower and tree planting in the Coldstream-Homestead-Montebello community;
- The creation of community gardens from vacant lots on the corner of 21st Street and Boone Street and at North Avenue and Wolfe Street;
- Tree planting and seed collecting of native and endemic plants at Herring Run Park;
- Neighborhood beautification projects in the Goodnow Apartments in Cedonia-Frankford, working under the direction of students and AmeriCorps members at the Goodnow PAL Center;
- Historic preservation projects in the Clifton Mansion.

For more information on Civic Works or to learn more about year round volunteer opportunities, contact Civic Works at (410) 366-8533 or visit www.civicworks.com/volunteer.html.

3rd Annual Heavy Metal, Big Truck Day

Saturday, October 6th, 2007

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10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Baltimore Public Works Museum
Piers 6 & 7
Baltimore Inner Harbor

Performances by Maryland Public Television's "Bob the Vid Tech"

For more information, visit the website for the [Baltimore Public Works Museum](#).

MTA Public Hearings

October 9, 10 and 15, 2007

The Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) welcomes public comments at the following public hearings on a proposal to improve bus service by altering Bus Line Nos. 3, 11, 16, 27, 36, 55, 61, 77, M9, and the Hampden Shuttle.

The MTA will also present a proposal to implement a new Bus Line, the No. 6, to supplement service on portions of the present Nos. 5 and 20 Bus Lines, which will not change.

Public Hearing Locations, Dates, & Times:

Tuesday, October 9, 2007
12:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
World Relief Headquarters
7 East Baltimore Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Access to hearing site via MTA Bus Lines 1, 3, 5, 8, 10, 11, 20, 23, 36, 40, 61, 64, 91 and Metro Subway.

Wednesday, October 10, 2007
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Charles Carroll Barrister Elementary School
1327 Washington Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21230

Access to hearing site via MTA Bus Line No. 11.

Monday, October 15, 2007
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Towson Library
320 York Road
Baltimore, MD 21204

Access to hearing site via MTA Bus Lines 3, 8 and 55.

For more information, please call:

MTA information agents, Monday - Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at 410-539-5000, TTY for people who are hearing and/or speech impaired (Baltimore) 410-333-2354, Or visit our MTA's at www.mtamaryland.com

Fall Clean Up 2007

Saturday, October 20th, 2007

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It's your neighborhood, make a difference!

Communities that would like to participate in Fall Clean Up can call 410-396-1209 for more information.

The City will provide shovels, rakes, brooms and bags as well as trucks to load debris.

The deadline to register is Friday, October 12. Visit www.baltimorecity.gov for the official registration form. Please make note: To schedule a Bulk Trash Removal call 311, or for a Community Pitch-In, call 410-396-1210.

Women's Health Symposium

"Remembering Our Health"

Saturday, November 3, 2007

7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Coppin State University
2500 West North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21216

Free All-Day Health Screenings; Complimentary Breakfast Refreshments; Lunch and Special Gift for Pre-registered Attendees.

For registration form, visit the [Healthy BET Health Symposium Website](#).

Baltimore Farmers' Market

Sundays Under the JFX

Baltimore Farmers' Market:

Everyone is invited to enjoy this one-of-a-kind shopping experience at economical prices. While strolling the market, guests can revel at the sight of the large quantity of the freshest fruits and vegetables, eggs, a variety of breads from Maryland area farmers, and delight in homemade treats. In addition, food vendors add spice to the market with cultural cuisine, popular pit beef sandwiches, pastries, cheeses, and gourmet treats.

Sundays, May 6 - December 23, 2007
8am to sellout, approximately noon

Holliday and Saratoga streets underneath the Jones Falls Expressway

Activities for the Whole Family

Special Events All Around Baltimore

The Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks offers activities for city residents and guests - educational hikes and walks, sports leagues, youth and senior activities, and fun for the family.

Please visit [Rec & Parks' Events Calendar](#) for dates and times.



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